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ALMA, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 5, 1914

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## O. E. S. CONVENTION

Held at St. Louis Tuesday November 3

### DECORATION SCHEME WAS FINE

Two Hundred Present—Excellent Program—Good Dinner

The third Semi-Annual Meeting of the District Association of Gratiot and Isabella counties Order of Eastern Star was held in St. Louis Tuesday, November 3, 1914.

The following program was carried out in full:

9:30 A. M.  
Song.....Star Spangled Banner  
Duet....."I Waited for the Lord"  
Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Davidson  
Invocation.....Mrs. Helen Selby  
Address of Welcome.....  
Hon. Chas. Giddings, St. Louis  
Solo.....Ward McIntyre  
Response.....Mrs. Jenne, Ithaca  
Piano Solo.....  
Mrs. Walter Wood, St. Louis  
Roll Call of Chapters.....  
Address.....Mrs. Fulcher, St. Louis  
Election of Officers.....  
Solo.....The Kary Dance  
Miss Wilcox  
Report of the Alma Masonic Fair  
Mrs. A. B. Scattergood  
Dinner.

1:30 P. M.  
Opening Chapter.....St. Louis Chapter  
Reception of Grand and Past Grand Officers.....  
Conferring Degrees.....Selected Officers  
School of Instruction.....  
Hattie Parsons, W. G. M.  
Closing Ceremonies.....St. Louis Chapter  
Miscellaneous Business.....  
Reading Minutes of Session.....  
Solo.....Ward McIntyre  
Trio.....Schubert's Serenade  
Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Davidson, Miss Wilcox  
Closing of Association.

The meeting was a grand success in every way. The St. Louis ladies proved to be most efficient and worthy hostesses. The dinner which was served was of the finest and the decorations were unexcelled.

Special mention should be made of the address by Mrs. Harry Fulcher of St. Louis, which was admitted to be the best of its kind ever heard in the county. The report given by Mrs. A. B. Scattergood of Alma deserves honorable mention. Schubert's Serenade was rendered by Mrs. B. C. Hubbard, Mrs. C. Davidson and Miss Caroline Wilcox of St. Louis, accompanied by Mrs. Will Barstow. This trio was extremely good, and the ladies upheld their enviable reputation. The program was so fine throughout that it is regretted everyone cannot be praised individually.

Election of Officers.  
The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Elsie Graham, of Mt. Pleasant, elected to succeed Mrs. Mattie Parr of Alma.  
First Vice-President—Carl Faunce  
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### BERNIE L. CASE



Elected Clerk of Gratiot County.

### MASONIC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION AT ST. LOUIS.

Delegates numbering about fifty from Alma attended the Masonic School of Instruction at St. Louis Monday evening. A large number from Ithaca were also present, in addition to those from St. Louis and other nearby places.

Grand Lecturer Gilbert from the Grand Lodge was present and conducted the school. Some third degree work was put on. A banquet was tendered the guest, following the evening program.

John Stevens La Fountain made his first appearance in this world Sunday evening at 301 Gratiot Avenue, the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. La Fountain.

## NEWELL M. BRADFORD



Elected Sheriff of Gratiot County by a good majority.

### AT REST.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 1914, the Angel of Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Birmingham, and took from the family circle the aged veteran.

Mr. Birmingham was born in N. Y. state on what is now Main street, City of Buffalo, in 1827. On Nov. 2, 1852, he was united in marriage to Miss Harriett Scripser, and in 1854 both husband and wife came to Michigan and settled on a farm in Ovid township, where for 40 years they resided and braved the hardships and inconveniences of pioneer life. In 1904 owing to failing health they sold their farm in Clinton county and moved to their little home in Arcadia Center, where since they have resided.

He was a kind and loving husband and father, and as a friend and neighbor was held in high esteem.

Mr. Birmingham was able to be up and around till about three weeks before the end, when he took to his bed and so remained till death relieved him of his sufferings. He was patient through it all, the direct cause of his death being cancer.

He leaves to mourn his demise the bride of his youth, three sons, Will J. Wallace, P. and Seward C., who were able to be with and care for him, 12 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, one girl who they reared from infancy, who is Mrs. E. J. Miner, and countless friends and neighbors, but they weep not as those who have no hope.

Funeral services were held at the home on Thursday, Oct. 15th, and the crowded house listened to the sermon by Rev. C. Wood of Ithaca, and the remains were laid to rest in Riverside cemetery in Alma, by the side of his son Frank, who preceded him some few years ago.

Those from away who were in attendance at the funeral rites were Mr. and Mrs. Berrill McBride of Lansing, and granddaughter; Miss Nettie Birmingham of Mayville, also a granddaughter; Alton Birmingham, a cousin, of Duplain, and Mildred Birmingham, a nephew, of Shepardsville.

## MISS LAURA WEESE

Entertained Friends at a Halloween Party in Vaudette Hall

Autumn shades predominated in the decorations at Vaudette Hall Thursday evening, when Miss Laura Weese entertained in honor of about thirty of her friends. The hall was adorned with draperies, extending from various places on the ceiling, and converging at an electric chandelier in the center of the room. Jack o'Lanterns and the proverbial Mother Witch and Black Cat were also used to further beautify the surroundings.

Games typical of Halloween and such amusements as can always be thought of by a merry party of fun-makers, were played.

Miss Blanche Becker won the prize, a fine box of bon-bons, in the game of progressive peanuts.

The girls brought daintily put up lunches in pretty boxes. Halloween cards were clipped in two parts, one part of each one was put into the boxes and the other pieces were passed out among the boys. In that way the partners were chosen for supper. Hot chocolate and wafers were served by the hostess.

Miss Ruth Bennett especially pleased the guests with her piano solos. Several songs were sung in unison by all present. Mrs. E. H. Weese, mother of the hostess, chaperoned the party.

### ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE.

Mrs. George Moore, 807 State street, entertained six tables at bridge Saturday afternoon. The parlors were beautifully decorated with Halloween fancies and colors suggestive of Halloween.

Mrs. Bert Hicks received the first prize and Mrs. W. A. Bahke the second. Refreshments were served.

## REPUBLICAN GAINS ALL OVER MICHIGAN

Michigan Republicans Elect 10 Out of 13 Congressmen—Ferris Re-elected Governor by Over 35,000 Plurality.

The result of Tuesday's election was most gratifying so far as the county ticket was concerned. Newell Bradford, Republican candidate for sheriff, was elected by about 350, while Ferris, Democratic candidate for Governor carried the state by over 35000 plurality. Fordney republican was re-elected to congress from this district, J. A. Damon of Mt. Pleasant, republican candidate for senator, 25th district was elected.

The city of Alma gave Helman a plurality of 240, while Wheeler township, Bradford's home township gave Bradford 303. These two precincts being the homes of the contestants on whom the hardest fight was placed, by their votes cast, speak well of the standing of the two men in their home towns.

The balance of the county ticket was strongly republican, being elected by a large majority.

## CHARMING WEDDING

Joseph Bell Takes an Alma Girl for Bride

### CEREMONY AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Wedding Breakfast Served at Home of Bride's Mother, Mrs. Wynne

St. Mary's Catholic church was the scene of a beautiful wedding at eight o'clock Saturday morning, October 31, when Ellen Theresa, daughter of Mr. Mary A. Wynne of Alma, and Frederick Joseph Bell, also of this city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The bride looked charming in a dark blue suit of chiffon broadcloth and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. Her only attendant was her sister, Miss Julia, who was attired in a creation of light brown and carried pink roses.

The groom was attended by Jerome Barry of Alma. To the strains of the wedding march, excellently played by Miss Virginia Mulvey, the bridal party passed down the aisle to the sanctuary, where Rev. Father John Mulvey officiated. Miss Virginia Mulvey, assisted by Edwin P. Mahr, sang the nuptial mass.

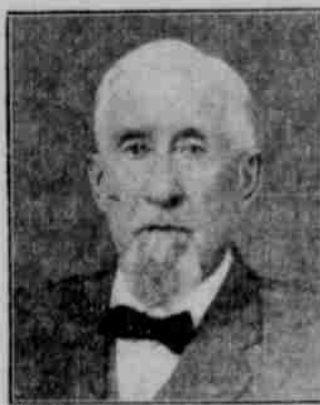
A well-appointed three-course wedding breakfast was served to the bridal party after the ceremony at the home of the bride's mother on College street. The decorations were in festoons of smilax and counterpieces of pink and white roses.

The little Misses Catherine and Mary Barry, Dorothy Jackson and Winifred Fohes, prettily gowned, served as waiters.

The guests from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Bell and daughter, Miss Mary, of Champaign, Ill., Miss Nellie T. Wynne of Adrian, Mary McLaughlin of Sumnertown, Miss Catherine Wynne of Ann Arbor, Miss Julia Wynne of Brown City, Miss Barbara Wynne of Freemon, and Miss Mabel Wynne of Emmett.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell will be at home to their many friends after November 25 on the Bell farm.

### WILBUR NELSON



Elected Treasurer of Gratiot County by an ample majority.

### TWO HELENS GAVE HALLOWEEN PARTY

The lawn at the home of Ben Mindell, on Gratiot avenue, was the appointed place for a Halloween party Saturday evening. Miss Helen Mindell and Miss Helen Pettyjohn united in entertaining twelve of their mutual friends at a marshmallow roast and general good time. Bon-fires were made and games played. Refreshments were served.

## JOHN A. DAMON



Who will represent the 25th Senatorial District in the Michigan Legislature at the next session.

### MOTORCYCLE HITS BICYCLE.

Russell Miller, aged about twelve years, was the victim of an accident Tuesday evening about six-thirty. The lad was riding a bicycle across Superior street coming from the south. Chris Eyer, an employee at the Redman Wholesale Grocery Co., was riding a motorcycle toward the east on Superior street. A buggy was also going east on Superior street at the same time and in the same locality. The boy on the wheel was watching the buggy and did not see the motorcycle and steered directly into its path. The accident occurred at the corner of Gratiot and East Superior.

The bicycle was completely demolished and the lad was seriously bruised. He is at present confined to his bed and under the doctor's care. He is the son of Roy Miller of the Miller Bros. grocery.

## THE FEDERATED CLUBS

Of Alma Met at the Orchard House Monday Afternoon

The annual joint meeting of the Federated Clubs of Alma, with the Garden Club, and invited guests, was held at Orchard House on Monday afternoon, the Woman's Club acting as hostess. About sixty women were present to hear the reports of the convention of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, which was held in Adrian from October 20th to 24th. At the opening of the meeting the president, Miss Bagley, announced the honor which has been conferred upon Alma by the State Federation in the election of Mrs. L. J. Timby to the Board of Directors. The announcement was received with great enthusiasm and Mrs. Timby presented with beautiful Adrian chrysanthemums by the three clubs represented.

After the reading of the Club Woman's Collect and the singing of the Peace Hymn, Mrs. Timby reporting for the Woman's Club, gave the workings of the Federation as shown by the reports of the officers and chairmen of the departments of work, and a review of a lecture on "The Various Objects of the Social Hygiene Movement," by Dr. Rachelle S. Yarros of Hull House, Chicago. Mrs. Ezra Smith, representing the Civic Improvement League, reported the work of the Conservation committee and several conferences, also gave a most

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## JOSEPH W. FORDNEY



Re-elected to Congress from the Eight District.

### LOCAL TALENT IN "MISS CHERRY BLOSSOM"

Miss Mary Sharp Appears in the Leading Role.

Never before has Alma had a better opportunity of presenting its very proficient local talent to the theatre-going public, than it has in the work of "Miss Cherry Blossom," produced under the direction of Miss Ruth Johnson, and to be played at Realty Opera House Friday, November 6th. "Miss Cherry Blossom" is the most recent of the musical comedies written by Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson Dodge, and since its initial performance, has met with repeated success.

The story of the play is based upon the life of the little geisha girl, "Cherry Blossom," who has been brought up as a Japanese, but is in reality an American heiress who was left an orphan in Japan when a very small child. Miss Mary Sharp plays "Miss Cherry Blossom" in a most charming manner, and not only her own solos, but her duets with Mr. Chick, who plays the part of "Jack," a New Yorker, are so effective as to alone be worth the price of admission.

The roles of Kakemo and Togo are played by Charles A. Button and Rudolph Beyers, and as comedians they are a big hit, and are from amateurish.

Mr. Ward McIntyre and Miss Bernice Pollasky are very attractive in their parts of an up-to-the-minute American couple, and their dancing promises to be a big item in the entertainment.

Ford Gargott and Paul Kress, as Horace Worthington and his private secretary, are fine examples of American business men and it is through their dialogue that the plot of the play is disclosed.

The show is rich in snappy and tuneless little selections, and with a chorus of fine voices, the music is rendered in such a way that the strains were whistled and sung everywhere for some time. The score will be played by Miss Johnson, assisted by the Alma orchestra.

### LYCEUM CONCERT A SUCCESS.

The first number of the season on the Lyceum program was presented in the Opera House Friday evening. The artists composing the trio were Edward Clarke, baritone, Rachel Steinman Clarke, violinist, and Earl Victor Prah, pianist, all Chicago teachers of established reputation.

The program opened with the Prologue to Pagliacci by Edward Clarke. The rich baritone voice soon held the big audience with its charming interpretation. Following came the "Hejre Kati," a violin selection by Rachel Steinman Clarke. The young woman showed herself remarkably clever in her handling of the instrument. "Gray Days," and "Out of the Night" by Edward Clarke, and then Chopin's Scherzo were rendered by Earl Victor Prah. The rapidity of his hands was wonderful—and the music fairly rolled from out the instrument of which he surely is master. Perhaps one of the most pleasing numbers on the program was the musical reading, "King Robert of Sicily," given by Edward Clarke, accompanied by Mr. Prah.

Nearly every number received a generous encore from the participants, the audience being a most appreciative one. If all numbers are as favorably received as this one was, there will be few seats vacant for the remaining five numbers.

The members of the Gideon Band, who held services in our churches on Sept. 24, assisted by the Alma people, secured enough money to purchase 50 Bibles. These Bibles were placed in the different rooms in the Wright House and Arcadia on November 3rd, to be used by the public.

## AGED LADIES GUESTS

At Hallowe'en Party at F. L. Convis Home, Ithaca

### COMBINED AGE OF LADIES 2,515

Program by Guests—Dinner Served Hallowe'en Decorations

The F. L. Convis home on Jefferson street was the scene of a pleasant function last Saturday—Hallowe'en—when Mrs. Convis' mother, Mrs. Hoyt, entertained at dinner thirty-three ladies who were 70 years old and over. At the appointed time automobiles were sent for them. As they arrived at the home they were met by the hostess—and black cats.

At 1 o'clock dinner was announced. Fourteen were seated at a table in the dining room and the remainder of the guests at small tables in the sitting-room, parlor and library. They found their places by place cards of cats and witches.

The favors were jack-o-lanterns filled with candies. Miss Hazel Searl presided at the piano while a three-course dinner was being served by Mrs. Convis assisted by Mesdames McFadden, Searles and Dean.

After dinner the following program was carried out:

Solo, by Mrs. Russell, who is 86 years old; solo by Mrs. Skinner of Toledo, who is visiting here; recitation "The First Wedding," by Mrs. Bancroft, aged 75; solo, by Mrs. C. M. Hoyt, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," aged 75; an original poem by Mrs. Meyers, aged 75; recitation by Mrs. Presley, aged 85, and reading by Mrs. Glidden, aged 84. The program closed by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." It was a jolly and a sad day and a day that the aged women say they never will forget.

The table decorations were carnations and greenery, and the house decorations were all suggestive of "Hallowe'en."

The combined ages of the ladies total—2515 years.

### JOLLY CLUB ENTERTAINED.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Walters, 420 Pine avenue, was the meeting place for the Jolly Club on Hallowe'en evening. Pedro was played and four prizes were awarded by the hostess. Mrs. Carl Adams and Mr. Fred Gilkin received first prizes, and Mrs. Harry Orwig and Mr. Carl Adams, booby prizes.

At twelve bells, midnight, a tasty supper was served to the guests. It was served in the parlors on small tables. Ragged corn shocks, yellow pumpkins and hideous jack o'lanters were used in the decoration scheme.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adams, Harry Orwig and wife, N. E. Sand and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd White, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Bamber, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Youngs, Fred Gilkin and wife and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Walters.

### O. L. SMITH



Elected Prosecutor on the Republican ticket by a large majority.

### THREE NEW PRE-HISTORIC SPECIMENS.

H. C. Moore has added three more exceptionally fine specimens to his pre-historic collection within the past week. A blue flint spear head, measuring 10 1-2 by 6 inches, was sent him from Edmore by a lady who dug it up in her garden. It is the largest specimen Mr. Moore has in his collection. It is in almost perfect condition.

E. H. Raycraft gave him an amulet which he found on his farm 2 1-2 miles south of Alma. Tom Goebel plowed up a gorget in A-1 condition, on his farm 2 miles north of Alma, and presented it to Mr. Moore.

### BIRD J. TUCKER



Gratiot County's Popular Register of Deeds, Re-elected last Tuesday by a large majority.

### OBITUARY.

Mrs. Syrena Demaray, wife of Nicholas Demaray, died last week at the home of her son north of Elwell. She was buried in Seville Center cemetery last Saturday. Rev. Gordon and Rev. Wiles officiated. She was 77 years of age at her death. She leaves two sons and one daughter, Mack of Saginaw, David of Elwell, and Mrs. Susan Hart of Clare.

She was a very generous and kindly lady, and will be a loss to her friends.